

Steve Westly *California State Controller*



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\$11 BILLION IN RAW FUNDS RECEIVED BY STATE

WESTLY SAYS NO MORE CASH WITHOUT BUDGET

Sacramento, June 18, 2003 – State Controller Steve Westly today announced that the state has now received all \$11 billion in cash from the investors who purchased Revenue Anticipation Warrants (RAWs) last week.

“This is the last major influx of cash the State can expect until a budget is passed,” Westly said. “The urgency remains for a responsible, balanced, on-time budget. Without one, we will soon run low on cash and have to begin delaying and deferring various payments.

“In the near future, I will outline a specific cash management strategy detailing who will and will not get paid during a no-budget scenario. But California shouldn’t have to endure that. We need an on-time budget.”

Westly thanked his financial team for getting the RAWs sold under the best possible terms for California taxpayers. The state sold the RAWs for an average interest rate of 1.13 percent. Financing costs, including interest, credit enhancements, and fees, totaled \$210 million, or 1.9 percent of \$11 billion.

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